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SUBJECT: UN PROGRAMS: WHAT WORKS; WHAT DOESN'T?

¶1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARAGRAPH 3.

¶2. THE UNITED NATIONS (UN), IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECENTLY AGREED RESOLUTION (TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 4), WILL ORIENT ITS SUPPORT FOR AFRICA AROUND THE THEMES AND PRIORITIES OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD). THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO DECIDE WHAT STRUCTURE AND MECHANISMS SHOULD BE IN PLACE FOR THE UN TO COORDINATE ITS ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF NEPAD. AS THE SYG CONDUCTS HIS REVIEW, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE VIEWS AND WOULD LIKE INPUT FROM THE FIELD FROM THOSE WHO HAVE DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH UN ACTIVITIES. A COPY OF THE NEPAD FRAMEWORK CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.NEPAD.ORG

¶3. ACTION REQUEST: POSTS AND USAID MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE VIEWS, BASED ON THEIR EXPERIENCES AND OBSERVATIONS, OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UN'S ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT (NOT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF) IN THE HOST COUNTRY, INCLUDING UNDP, UNICEF, UNEP, UNESCO, UNCTAD, FAO, UNECA, WHO. THIS ACTION REQUEST IS VOLUNTARY FOR SEP POSTS BUT ANY RESPONSE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED. POST AND USAID MISSIONS ARE NOT BEING ASKED TO UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL RESEARCH OR SURVEYS BUT TO CONVEY THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, AND REASONS FOR THEM, OF PROGRAMS THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH ALREADY. IF POSTS AND USAID MISSIONS HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AREAS AND ACTIVITIES ON WHICH THE UN SHOULD FOCUS ITS EFFORTS BASED ON COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE AND TRACK RECORD, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THEM. PLEASE PROVIDE INPUT BY NOVEMBER 15 AND SLUG REPLIES FOR AF/EPS DRIANO AND IO/EDA WINNICK.

¶4. TEXT OF UN RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR NEPAD

RESOLUTION ON THE FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF UN-NADAF AND SUPPORT FOR THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 46/151 OF 18 DECEMBER 1991, THE ANNEX TO WHICH CONTAINS THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S,

RECALLING ALSO RESOLUTIONS 48/214 OF 23 DECEMBER 1993 AND 49/142 OF 23 DECEMBER 1994 ON THE NEW AGENDA, RESOLUTIONS 51/32 OF 6 DECEMBER 1996 ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S AND RESOLUTION 55/216 OF 21 DECEMBER 2000, IN WHICH IT REAFFIRMED ITS EARLIER DECISION TO CONDUCT IN 2002 THE FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE NEW AGENDA,

FURTHER RECALLING RESOLUTION 56/218 OF 21 DECEMBER 2001 BY WHICH IT ESTABLISHED THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S DURING THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONDUCT THE FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW AGENDA AND RELATED INITIATIVES ON THE BASIS OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE INDEPENDENT HIGH-LEVEL QUALITY EVALUATION, AS WELL AS ON PROPOSALS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE MODALITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FUTURE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT, AND RESOLUTION 56/508 OF 27 JUNE 2002 BY WHICH IT FURTHER DECIDED THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SHOULD RESCHEDULE ITS SUBSTANTIVE SESSION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE WORKING DAYS, FROM 24 TO 26 SEPTEMBER 2002,

MINDFUL OF ITS RESOLUTION 56/511 OF 15 AUGUST 2002 BY WHICH IT DECIDED TO ORGANIZE THE HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER HOW TO SUPPORT THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT,

BEARING IN MIND THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF JULY 2001 OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,

COGNIZANT OF THE LINK BETWEEN THE PRIORITIES OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT AND THE MILLENNIUM DECLARATION, IN WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTED ITSELF TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF AFRICA, AND OF THE NEED TO ACHIEVE THE INTERNATIONALLY AGREED DEVELOPMENT GOALS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE MILLENNIUM DECLARATION,

MINDFUL OF THE BRUSSELS PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT ON HIV/AIDS, THE DOHA MINISTERIAL DECLARATION, THE MONTERREY CONSENSUS ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE JOHANNESBURG PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE,

FURTHER NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE G8 SUMMIT HELD IN JUNE 2002 AT KANNANASKIS HAS DEVOTED PARTS OF ITS DELIBERATIONS TO NEPAD, WHICH RESULTED IN THE ADOPTION OF A G8 AFRICA ACTION PLAN,

1A. FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S

11. WELCOMES THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S, IN PARTICULAR THE LESSONS LEARNED ABOUT UN-NADAF AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE PROPOSALS ON THE MODALITIES FOR THE FUTURE ENGAGEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT;

12. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S;

13. EXPRESSES ITS DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE LIMITED PROGRESS IN REALIZING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UN-NADAF;

14. DECIDES TO BRING THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990S TO A CLOSE, AND ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT NEPAD, AS DECIDED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AT ITS 37TH ORDINARY SESSION, HELD AT LUSAKA FROM 9) 11 JULY 2001, BE THE FRAMEWORK, AROUND WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS FOR AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT;

1B. SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

15. WELCOMES THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT, AS A PROGRAMME OF THE AFRICAN UNION THAT EMBODIES THE VISION AND COMMITMENT OF ALL AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT;

16. REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT

ADOPTED AT THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER HOW TO SUPPORT THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER, 2002 AND TAKES NOTE OF THE DELIBERATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE ON THAT OCCASION;

¶7. URGES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO ORGANIZE ITS SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF NEPAD IN THE NEW SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP;

¶8. RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD;

¶C. ACTIONS BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

¶9. WELCOMES THE COMMITMENT OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO INTEGRATE THE PRIORITIES OF NEPAD INTO THEIR NATIONAL POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FRAMEWORKS, TO MAINTAIN FULL OWNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING AND UTILIZING SUCH POLICIES AND FRAMEWORKS, AND TO MOBILIZE DOMESTIC RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF NEPAD;

¶10. WELCOMES THE COMMITMENT OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO PEACE, SECURITY, DEMOCRACY, GOOD GOVERNANCE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOUND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THEIR COMMITMENT TO TAKE CONCRETE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN MECHANISMS FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION AS EMBODIED IN NEPAD, AS AN ESSENTIAL BASIS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA. IN THIS CONTEXT, WELCOMES THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE &AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM8 WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT AND INNOVATIVE FEATURE OF NEPAD;

¶11. RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS FOR NEPAD WITHIN THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, SERVING AS A REPOSITORY OF INFORMATION, AND FOSTERING A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO NEPAD BY THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES;

¶12. EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING THE HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES AT NATIONAL, SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS, TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT NEPAD IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, AND TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES TO THIS END;

¶13. ENCOURAGES THE FURTHER INTEGRATION OF NEPAD PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES INTO THE PROGRAMMES OF AFRICA,S REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES AND OTHER SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL STRUCTURES AND ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS PROGRAMMES IN FAVOUR OF AFRICA,S LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;

¶14. ENCOURAGES ALSO THE EFFORTS TO RAISE THE AWARENESS ABOUT NEPAD AS WELL AS TO INVOLVE ALL AFRICAN STAKEHOLDERS, NAMELY THE GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE SECTOR, CIVIL SOCIETY, INCLUDING WOMEN,S ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD;

¶15. WELCOMES THE COMMITMENT OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE ROLE OF AFRICAN WOMEN IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE NEPAD IMPLEMENTATION AND IN FULFILLING THE NEPAD OBJECTIVES;

¶D. ACTIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

¶16. URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO MAKE CONCRETE EFFORTS TOWARDS THE TARGET OF 0.7 PER CENT OF THEIR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP) AS ODA TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS INTERNATIONALLY AGREED AND EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THEIR COMMITMENT ON ODA TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCS) AS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 83 OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE DECADE OF 2001) 2010 AND COMMIT A SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF SUCH ODA TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES. ALSO ENCOURAGES DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BUILD ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN ENSURING THAT ODA IS USED EFFECTIVELY TO HELP ACHIEVE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND TARGETS, AND UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERTAKING TO EXAMINE THE MEANS AND TIMEFRAMES FOR ACHIEVING THE TARGETS AND GOALS;

¶17. STRESSES THE NEED TO FIND A DURABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS OF THE HEAVILY INDEBTED POOR COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, INCLUDING THROUGH DEBT CANCELLATION AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. IN THIS REGARD, ALSO STRESSES THE NEED TO EXPLORE INNOVATIVE MECHANISMS TO COMPREHENSIVELY ADDRESS THE DEBT PROBLEM OF LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES, BEARING IN MIND THAT EXTERNAL DEBT RELIEF CAN RELEASE RESOURCES THAT COULD BE UTILIZED IN THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INITIATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN TO REDUCE OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS AND THE NEED TO PURSUE DEBT RELIEF MEASURES VIGOROUSLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY, INCLUDING, WITHIN THE PARIS AND LONDON CLUBS AND OTHER RELEVANT FORUMS;

¶18. RECOGNIZES THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF TRADE AS AN ENGINE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA AND IN THIS REGARDS CALLS FOR IMPROVED MARKET ACCESS FOR AFRICAN EXPORTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DOHA MINISTERIAL DECLARATION, WITHOUT PREJUDGING THE OUTCOME OF THE WTO NEGOTIATIONS, AND ALSO WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS AND IN THIS REGARD, CALLS UPON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ASSIST AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE THEIR CAPACITY INCLUDING BY THE REMOVAL OF SUPPLY SIDE CONSTRAINTS AND THE PROMOTION OF DIVERSIFICATION, WHICH ARE CRITICAL TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF SUCH OPPORTUNITIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO PROVIDE MARKET ACCESS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

¶19. CALLS UPON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO TO WORK TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVE OF DUTY-FREE AND QUOTA-FREE ACCESS FOR ALL LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, EXPORTS, AS ENVISAGED IN THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE DECADE OF 2001) 2010, WHICH WAS ADOPTED IN BRUSSELS IN 20 MAY 2001;

¶20. ALSO CALLS UPON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE THEIR PRIVATE SECTORS TO INVEST IN AFRICA, AND TO HELP AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ATTRACT INVESTMENTS AND TO PROMOTE THE POLICIES CONDUCIVE TO ATTRACTING INVESTMENTS, AND FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ENCOURAGE THE TRANSFER OF THE NEEDED TECHNOLOGY TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON FAVOURABLE TERMS, INCLUDING ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS AS MUTUALLY AGREED AND BENEFICIAL TERMS AND TO ASSIST IN BUILDING THE HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD CONSISTENT WITH ITS PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES;

¶21. FURTHER CALLS UPON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO CHANNEL FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND OTHER TYPES OF RESOURCES TOWARDS THE PRIORITIES OF NEPAD, IN PARTICULAR, INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION, WATER AND AGRICULTURE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIES DETERMINED BY EACH AFRICAN COUNTRY, AND EXPLORE WAYS OF GENERATING NEW PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INNOVATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, PROVIDED THAT THOSE SOURCES DO NOT UNDULY BURDEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY, IN AFRICA AND IN THIS REGARD NOTES THE PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS ALLOCATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES;

¶22. RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION AND THE CONTRIBUTION IT CAN MAKE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD AND IN THIS REGARD, ALSO ENCOURAGES OTHER PARTNERS TO SUPPORT THIS TYPE OF COOPERATION, INCLUDING AS APPROPRIATE, THROUGH TRIANGULAR COOPERATION. SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION SHOULD BE VIEWED NOT AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR, BUT RATHER AS A COMPLEMENT TO THE SUPPORT BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;

¶23. CALLS UPON THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY OUTSIDE OF AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN AND CONTRIBUTE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, INCLUDING THROUGH EFFECTIVE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS;

¶24. CALLS UPON THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, WITHIN RESPECTIVE MANDATES, TO ALIGN ITS ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA WITH THE PRIORITIES OF NEPAD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIES DETERMINED BY EACH AFRICAN COUNTRY, AND URGES THE SCALING UP OF RESOURCES FOR THIS PURPOSE;

¶25. FURTHER CALLS UPON THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO ENHANCE ITS ADVOCACY ROLE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN

SUPPORT OF AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT;

¶26. URGES THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN COORDINATING THEIR ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS TO FOSTER A COHERENT RESPONSE INCLUDING THROUGH CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH BILATERAL DONORS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES WITHIN THE LARGER FRAMEWORK ON NEPAD;

¶27. WELCOMES THE ACTIONS ALREADY UNDERWAY AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL TO ORGANIZE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AROUND THEMATIC CLUSTERS COVERING THE PRIORITY AREAS OF NEPAD AND IN THIS REGARD URGES THE STRENGTHENING OF THIS PROCESS AS A MEANS OF ENHANCING THE COORDINATED RESPONSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN SUPPORT OF NEPAD;

¶28. ALSO CALLS ON THE UNITED NATIONS FUNDS, PROGRAMMES AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THEIR EXISTING COORDINATION AND PROGRAMMING MECHANISMS, IN PARTICULAR, CCA/UNDAF AS A MEANS OF ENHANCING SUPPORT TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD AND IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES, IN PARTICULAR, WHERE APPROPRIATE THE PRSPS;

¶29. ALSO URGES THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE AFRICAN UNION AND OTHER REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMES AND PRIORITIES OF NEPAD;

¶30. ENCOURAGES THE ONGOING EFFORTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE SIMPLIFICATION AND HARMONIZATION OF ITS PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING PROCEDURES AT THE NATIONAL, SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS TO EASE THE BURDEN ON THE LIMITED CAPACITIES OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES;

¶31. FURTHER REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD THROUGH CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING AT THE NATIONAL, SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS AND MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES;

¶32. ALSO REQUESTS THE MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR SUPPORT FOR AFRICA IS COMPATIBLE WITH NEPAD;

¶33. CALLS UPON THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO STRENGTHEN ITS COOPERATION WITH THE AFRICAN UNION, ITS PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER AFRICAN MECHANISMS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE AND PREVENT CONFLICTS AT THE SUBREGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL LEVELS TO ENSURE A SOLID BASIS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPAD AND, IN THIS REGARD, WELCOMES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION IN AFRICA, AS WELL AS THE ECOSOC AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP ON AFRICAN COUNTRIES EMERGING FROM CONFLICT;

¶34. NOTES THE DECISION BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO GIVE TO HIS ADVISOR FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS IN AFRICA THE RESPONSIBILITY TO COORDINATE AND GUIDE THE PREPARATIONS OF AFRICA RELATED REPORTS OF THE SECRETARIAT AND NOTES THE DECISION TO TRANSFER THE RESOURCES OF OSCAL TO THE ADVISOR;

¶35. UNDERScores THE NEED FOR A STRUCTURE IN THE SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL, WHICH WILL REVIEW AND REPORT ON UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SUPPORT AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,S SUPPORT FOR NEPAD AND ON THE COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION OF SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE OUTCOMES AS THEY RELATE TO AFRICA AS WELL AS COORDINATE GLOBAL ADVOCACY IN SUPPORT OF NEPAD. IN THIS CONTEXT, REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO MAKE PROPOSALS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF SUCH A STRUCTURE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF HIS PROPOSALS FOR THE 2004/2005 BIENNIAL PROGRAMME AND BUDGET;

¶36. INVITES THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO ITS SYSTEMWIDE COORDINATION ROLE, TO CONSIDER HOW TO SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS RESOLUTION;

¶37. DECIDES TO INCLUDE A SINGLE, COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA ITEM ENTITLED &NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT: PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT8 ON THE ANNUAL AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BEGINNING AT THE FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION AND ENCOURAGES THE CURRENT EFFORTS TOWARDS CLUSTERING THE ITEMS RELATED TO AFRICA,S DEVELOPMENT;

¶38. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT THE FIRST CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION ON THE BASIS OF INPUTS FROM GOVERNMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND INPUTS FROM THE OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN NEPAD, SUCH AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY.

END TEXT OF UN RESOLUTION

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